

Application No. 10/523,839
Art Unit: 1795

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Attorney Docket No. 052077

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please delete Figure 3.

REMARKS

Claims 9-13, 16-20, 23 and 26-29 are pending in this application, of which claims 9 and 16 have been amended. Claims 26-29 have been withdrawn from further consideration.

Applicant's representative appreciates the Examiner for the telephone interview on July 1, 2010. This response includes the substance of the interview.

Claims 9-13 and 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that in lines 19-20 of claims 9 and 16, the expression "wherein a notch is interposed between the ridges being adjacent" is unclear and indefinite. In response, claims 9 and 16 have been amended to delete the term "being adjacent," as discussed in the interview (Interview Summary).

The Examiner also states that there is not proper antecedent basis in each of claims 9 and 16, line 23. In response, claims 9 and 16 have been amended. As discussed in the telephone interview, the claimed ridge is the triangular portion of the edge disk cutter 4 as seen in Fig. 1b, that is located above center line 6. In the edge disk cutter 4 located at the left side of Fig. 1b, the claimed first face is the right side of disk cutter 4 while the second face is the left side of disk

cutter 4 as seen in Fig. 1b. As shown as the edge disk cutter 4 located at the left side of Fig. 1b, there is an inclined surface provided on the ridges having a tip having an acute angle on the first face. Amended claims 9 and 16 are not indefinite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Figure 3 contained in the original application has been deleted in this Response. Figure 3 is not necessarily show the invention recited in amended claims.

In view of above, Applicants submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date. If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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